

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): Is furniture included?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): It is separately provided for in the budget.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): What is the amount spent on the land acquisition and reclamation of the area?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): I want notice. It is not a part of this scheme. It is only a part of the town improvement scheme.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Is it something connected with the Municipality or with the Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): The Government have already stated in the House the condition of the area surrounding the present Guest House. As regards, the cost, of reclaiming, I may say it is about Rs. 60,000.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): It comes in the close vicinity of a lakh.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait (*Mattancheri*): May I know whether it is possible, to complete the work with this Rs. 24,000?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.
The demand was put and carried.

The House rose for lunch at 1-5 p. m. and re-assembled at 2-30 p. m. with the Hon'ble the Deputy President in the Chair.

The Cochin Village Panchayat Act (Amendment) Bill.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Sir, I move that the Cochin Village Panchayat Act Amendment Bill be read in Council.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): I second it.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I suppose all of you know the implications of this Bill. Under clause 52 (1) of the Cochin Civil Procedure Code, the minimum pay of Rs. 20 in the case of Government servants, is exempted from attachment. But by section 58 (g) (2) of the Cochin Village Panchayat Act, a salary of Rs. 10 and below alone is exempt from attachment. The object of the present amendment is to raise this amount from Rs. 10 to Rs. 20 and to bring the section in the Village Panchayat Act into line with that in the Civil Procedure Code. This is a non-controversial Bill and I hope there will not be any opposition to it.

The motion was put and carried.

Secretary to the Council:—The title of the Bill is 'the Cochin Village Panchayat Act Amendment Bill'.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I move that the President may be pleased to suspend S. O. 32 and that the Bill be taken up for consideration at once.

Mr. Deputy President :—S. O. 32 is suspended.

The motion was put and carried.

Clause 2 was then put and carried.

The title and preamble were then put and carried.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I move that the Bill be taken up and passed finally tomorrow.

The motion was put and carried.

The Cochin Local Authorities Entertainment Tax Bill.

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Sir, I move that the Cochin Local Authorities Entertainment Tax Bill may be read in Council.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I second it.

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): The main purpose of the Bill is to provide for some revenue for the Municipalities. The provisions of the Act could be extended in case any Panchayat also wishes to levy such taxes. But, for the present it is the intention of the Government to extend the provisions to Municipalities.

The motion was put and carried.

Secretary to the Council: The title of the Bill is 'the Cochin Local Authorities Entertainment Tax Bill'.

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): I request the President that S. O. 32 may be suspended and that the Bill be taken up for consideration.

Mr. Deputy President : S. O. 32 is suspended.

The motion was put and carried.

Clause 2 was then put and carried.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon (*Ernakulam*): Mr. President Sir, I have tabled 2 amendments to section 3, the first one being an amendment to sub-division (2) of section 3 and the second one to sub-division (3) (i) of the same section. The section prohibits the levy of any entertainment tax if the cost of